

AMENDMENT TO MR. TAUZIN'S AMENDMENT
OFFERED BY MS. SOLIS

(Page & line nos. refer to Chairman's Mark of June 17, 2003)

Add at the end of title VII (page 245, after line 36)
the following new section (and conform the table of con-
tents accordingly):

1 SEC. 725. DEMONSTRATION PROJECT PROMOTING ACCESS
2 FOR MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES WITH LIM-
3 ITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY.

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a
5 demonstration project (in this section referred to as the
6 "project") to demonstrate the impact on costs and health
7 outcomes of providing reimbursement for interpreter serv-
8 ices to certain medicare beneficiaries who are limited
9 English proficient in urban and rural areas.

10 (b) SCOPE.—The Secretary shall carry out the
11 project in not less than 5 States through contracts with
12 up to—

13 (1) two health plans (under part C of title
14 XVIII of the Social Security Act);

15 (2) 2 small providers; and

16 (3) 1 hospital.

1 (c) DURATION.—The each such contract under the
2 project shall extend over a period of not longer than 2
3 years.

4 (d) REPORT.—Upon completion of the project, the
5 Secretary shall submit a report to Congress on the project
6 and shall include in the report recommendations regarding
7 extension of such project to the entire medicare program.